February, 2000 which states three objectives. The immediate objective is to address the unmet needs of contraception, health infrastructure, health personnel and to provide integrated service delivery for basic reproductive and child health care. The medium term objective is to bring the total fertility rates to replacement level by 2010 through vigorous implementation of inter sectoral operational strategies. The long term objective is to achieve stable population by 2045, at a level consistent with the requirement of sustainable economic growth, social development and environmental protection.

Consideration of Retired Employees for Preparing Panels

3469. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DOPT instruction No. 22011/4/98 dated 12th October, 1998, clearly provides for consideration of retired employees who are within the zone of consideration in the relevant years while preparing year-wise panel(s);

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently while preparing the panel for the year 1989-90 in respect of Grade-I of CSS, names of a number of retired employees have not been considered; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether the Ministry of law was consulted before violating the above mentioned instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While preparing the panels of grade-I of CSS for the year 1989 & 1990, the DPC considered the names of all those officers who were within the zone of consideration and were in service on the crucial date *i.e.* Ist July of the respective panel year. However, assessment of some retired officers could not be done for want of their ACR dossiers. These panels have been finalised by the DPC in the UPSC in accordance with the statutory provision under the CSS (Promotion to Grade-I and Selection Grade) Regulation, 1964. It was therefore, not considered necessary to consult the Ministry of Law.